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SNAP BEANS:

Snap beans are late and the movement to date has been very light. Rains on May 10-11 revived beans in most of the important production areas but some sections received only enough moisture to give temporary relief. Shipments should attain considerable volume during the week beginning May 17.

POTATOES:

Potato shipments have been very heavy from Houma and other southern points the past two weeks with approximately 700 cars moving by rail and truck so far this season. Red potatoes are about all harvested in this area, and digging of long whites is expected to get under way the coming week. Yields were reduced by dry weather.

In the New Roads Section, the movement is expected to reach a peak during the week beginning May 17. The yield in this area has been reduced materially by dry weather. A number of areas which formerly shipped very few potatoes will ship a considerable amount this year.

GARLIC:

Early garlic is being harvested with the bulk of the crop expected to be ready by May 25. Yields apparently will vary widely. Acreage is much smaller than last year.

STRAWBERRIES:

Shipment of strawberries is about finished. A few cars may be shipped next week but most of the berries picked after May 15 will go to processors.

Stemmed berries are bringing 13-14 cents per pound. The crop was very small (shipments being about 45% as large as in 1942) but good prices partly compensated and some growers who had fair yields obtained very good returns from their crops.

TOMATOES:

Tomatoes continue to be late with most sheds expected to open a week to 10 days later than usual. In Northwest Louisiana prospects are good but the crop needs rain over most of the north central production areas. Shipments in volume are expected by the middle of June.

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